



# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cotton bolls opening was 97 percent complete, cotton defoliated was at 41 percent complete and cotton harvested was at 21 percent complete, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews. Forage, soil moisture and stock tank water conditions have declined due to low humidity and warm, windy days in the Northwestern part of the State. In general, Arizona pasture conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Thirty-one weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from 8 degrees below normal to 9 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 21 degrees at Springerville to a high of 100 degrees at Bullhead City and Roll. Only ten weather stations received some precipitation. The least amount of precipitation was reported at Heber and Payson at 0.01 inches, and the most precipitation was reported at Window Rock at 0.22 inches. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Ajo was the driest.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening.....	97	95	95	96
Defoliated.....	41	32	39	35
Harvested.....	21	18	23	20

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	--	--	1	NA
Short .....	18	9	28	NA
Adequate.....	82	91	67	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	--	--	14	NA
Short .....	19	10	12	NA
Adequate.....	81	90	72	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	2	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

# CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	4
Poor .....	2	--	--	3
Fair .....	15	24	23	21
Good .....	43	40	43	44
Excellent.....	40	36	30	28
Cotton				
Very poor.....	4	1	6	2
Poor .....	4	4	2	2
Fair .....	10	14	14	17
Good .....	64	55	51	53
Excellent.....	18	26	27	26
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	16	10	18
Poor .....	4	3	12	14
Fair .....	40	32	32	30
Good .....	44	40	36	32
Excellent.....	5	9	10	6

NA – not available

(--) – zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2017/AZ\\_Weather\\_10082017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_10082017.pdf)